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In re PATENT application of:)
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.)
Serial No.: 09/118,010) Art Unit: 2811
Filed: July 17, 2000) Examiner: M. GUERRERO
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE,)
METHOD OF FABRICATING)
SAME, AND ELECTROOPTICAL)
DEVICE)

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated **October 11, 2000**, the period for response having been extended two (2) months until **March 11, 2001**, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application. The Office Action of **October 11, 2000** has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for a Two (2) Month Extension of Time* that extends the shortened statutory period for response to **March 11, 2001**. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this response is timely filed. Claims 1-8 and 11-37 are pending in the present application, and, for the reasons set forth in detail below, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Initially, the Office Action rejects claims 1-8 and 11-37 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wakai et al.* (U.S. Patent 5,055,899) in view of *Takenouchi et al.* (U.S. Patent 5,427,961). Applicants respectfully traverse the grounds for rejection and